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SUBJ: COPPER DEPOSITS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. THERE ARE A DOZEN OR MORE KNOWN COPPER DEPOSITS IN AFGHANISTAN BUT MOST OF EXPLORATORY ACTIVITY NOW UNDERWAY IS IN LOGAR PROVINCE ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTH OF KABUL. THERE ARE FOUR KNOWN ORE BODIES IN LOGAR: AINAK WITH ESTIMATED RESERVES OF 1.2 - 1.5 MILLION TONS; DARBAND WITH ESTIMATED RESERVES OF 1.0 MILLION; AND JAWHAR AND TAGHAR, RESERVES UNDETERMINED BUT PROBABLY SMALL. THE TOTAL LOGAR RESERVES ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 3.5 MILLION TONS. THE AINAK RESERVE REPORTEDLY HAS ORE WITH .7 TO 1.2 PERCENT COPPER CONTENT.

2. DRILLING ACTIVITY HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN JANUARY 1976, THE SOVIET UNION AGREED TO SUPPLY AFGHANISTAN WITH EQUIPMENT WORTH THREE MILLION RUBLES TO CONTINUE EXPLORATION. EXPLOITATION OF THESE COPPER DEPOSITS WILL PROBABLY BE WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE.
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